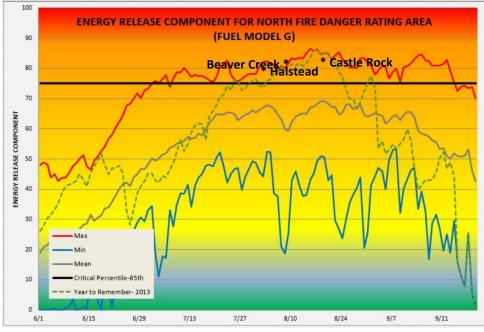
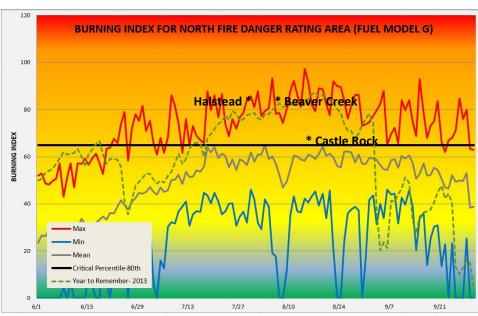


FIRE DANGER POCKET CARD NORTH FIRE DANGER RATING AREA









This pocket card was approved by the Sawtooth National Forest and Twin Falls BLM Fire Programs.

ENERGY RELEASE COMPONENT

- ERC is calculated from the 1300 RAWS daily observation of temperature, humidity, daily temperature & RH ranges, and precipitation.
- ERC has low variability and is the best fire danger component for indicating effects of intermediate to long-term drying on fire behavior. This index can serve as a good characterization of seasonal trends.
- Wind is **NOT** part of the ERC calculation.

BURNING INDEX

- BI gives day to day fluctuations calculated from the 1300 RAWS daily observation of temperature, wind, RH, daily temperature & RH ranges, and precipitation duration.
- Wind has a major influence on BI.
- BI is an estimate of the potential difficulty of fire control as a function of how fast and how hot a fire could burn.

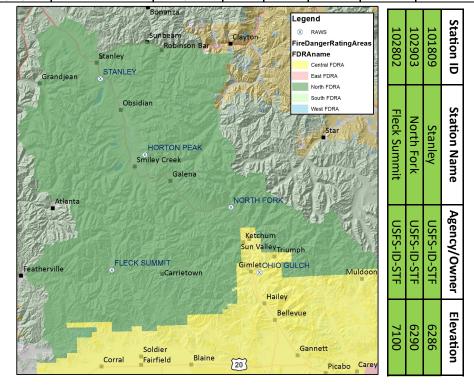
LOCAL THRESHOLDS: NORTH FIRE DANGER RATING AREA

Critical Percentiles for ERC and BI were determined through historical fire analysis

Any of combination of the following greatly increase the likelihood of extreme fire behavior:

- Temperatures above 85
- RH below 20%
- Eye Level Winds >10 mph, especially when wind direction aligns with major drainages
- Haines Index of 5 or 6
- 1000 Hour Fuel Moisture of 9 or less

SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL FIRES							
DATE	FIRE NAME	SIZE	BI	ERC	TEMP	RH	WIND
8/9/13	Beaver Creek	111,497	83	82	82	14	10
7/30/12	Halstead	171,948	83	80	88	8	11
8/16/07	Castle Rock	48,250	69	82	90	9	8



All stations comply with NWCG weather stations standards. All stations are active. Data is from 2007-2018.